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SUBJ: TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY - FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB

REF: HONG KONG 4361

1. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT EDWARD WU HAS REQUESTED USIA ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCING A HALF-HOUR VIDEOTAPE INTERVIEW OF SECRETARY KISSINGER BY FORMER CLUB PRESIDENT TEDDY WHITE. CLUB WOULD PREMIERE THE INTERVIEW AT A SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL DINNER MEETING, AS PART OF CELEBRATION OF 25 YEAR ESTABLISHMENT HERE.
2. MR. WU HAS ALREADY WRITTEN TO TEDDY WHITE REGARDING THIS REQUEST. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH WU, PAO SUGGESTED THAT SUCH INTERVIEW BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR WIDER DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING POSSIBLY RELEASE FOR TV BROADCASTS OVERSEAS AND IN THE U.S. AFTER IT HAS BEEN SHOWN HERE.
3. REQUEST IS NOT TIED TO SPECIFIC DATE, ALTHOUGH SUMMER VACATION MONTHS ARE LESS DESIRABLE.
4. THIS INTERVIEW COULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT FORUM TO DISCUSS CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND TO REVIEW U.S. POLICY INITIATIVES IN RECENT YEARS. WE REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THE DEMANDS UPON THE SECRETARY'S TIME ARE STAGGERING, BUT BELIEVE THE FORUM PROVIDED

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HERE, AND HOPEFULLY ELSEWHERE THROUGH REPLAY, WOULD MAKE THIS

EFFORT SPECIALLY WORTHWHILE.

5. FROM TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW, POST WOULD WANT VIDEOCASSETTE VERSION, WHICH IT WOULD SCREEN ON FIFTY INCH TELEVISION PROJECTION EQUIPMENT IT NOW HOLDS. A MORE DRAMATIC APPROACH, OF COURSE, WOULD BE A LIVE TRANSMISSION VIA SATELLITE, FOLLOWED BY TWO-WAY ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE ON AUDIO, FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES, DURING WHICH HONG KONG BASED CORRESPONDENTS COULD QUERY BOTH THE SECRETARY AND WHITE.

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